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Mixed Backbone Oligonucleotides Containing Pops Blocks to Obtain Reduced Phosphorothioate Content

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97-98, Applicant hereby makes of record the U.S. Patent listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, and encloses a copy herewith.

Applicant notes that this patent was filed <u>after</u> the filing date of the above-referenced application, and as such is not prior art under 35 U.S.C. §102 or 35 U.S.C. §103.

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Respectfully submitted,

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